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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: LAO AIRCRAFT

1. MFA UNDERSECRETARY PHAEN RAISED THE QUESTION OF RLAF

AIRCRAFT IN UDORN WITH ME TODAY. HE SAID THAT A NOTE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE PGNU DEMANDING THE RETURN OF THE AIRCRAFT AT UDORN AND THE HELICOPTORS BROUGHT TO THAILAND BY AIRCREWS SEEKING ASYLUM. THE MFA RECOGNIZED THAT THIS QUESTION WAS MARKEDLY DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE POSED BY THE VNAF AND KAF PLANE AND CONSIDERED IT TO BE AN ISSUE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE PGNU.

2. I SAID THAT WE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON THIS SUBJECT BUT THAT THE AIRCRAFT WERE IN THAILAND ON THAI BASES AND IT SEEMED TO ME THAT THIS WAS A PROBLEM WE SHOULD WORK OUT TOGETHER. PHAEN AGREED. I SAID THAT GIVEN THE STATE OF U.S./LAO RELATIONS THE DEPARTMENT WAS IN NO HURRY TO BE FORTHCOMING ON THIS ISSUE AND ASKED WHETHER GIVEN THE CURRENT THAI/LAO DISPUTE THE RTG WAS ANXIOUS TO RETURN THE PLANES. PHAEN SAID THAT THE RTG VIEW WAS SIMILAR TO OURS BUT THAT THIS WAS A COMPLEX PROBLEM WHICH WOULD TAKE A GOOD DEAL OF SORTING OUT.
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